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1. The reply filed on 12/30/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the reply is not fully responsive because claims 4904 and 4906; 4911 and 4913; and claims 4918 and 4923 were combined in the "clean copy" of the claims. This results in incomprehensible amended claims. Applicant should submit a supplemental amendment with clean copies for claims 4904, 4906, 4911, 4913, 4918, and 4923. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the abovementioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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